

1 Sponsored by: Councilmembers Dave Morell and Amy Cruver
2 Requested by: County Council
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6 **ORDINANCE NO. 2022-64**

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9 **An Ordinance of the Pierce County Council Related to Wheeled All-Terrain**
10 **Vehicles; Responding to Resolution No. R2022-78;**
11 **Amending Chapter 10.26 of the Pierce County Code,**
12 **"Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles," to Authorize the Use of**
13 **Street-Legal Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicles on a Specific**
14 **Segment of Orting-Kapowsin Highway East and the**
15 **Segments Known as the "Farm Loop" in the Orting Area; and**
16 **Setting an Effective Date.**
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18 **Whereas**, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 46.61.415 authorizes local
19 authorities in their respective jurisdictions to determine by an engineering and traffic
20 investigation the proper maximum speed for all arterial streets and shall declare a
21 reasonable and safe maximum limit thereon which may be greater or less than the
22 maximum speed permitted under RCW 46.61.400(2) but shall not exceed sixty miles
23 per hour; and
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25 **Whereas**, the authorized use of wheeled all-terrain vehicles on Pierce County
26 roadways is regulated under Chapter 10.26 of the Pierce County Code (PCC); and
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28 **Whereas**, on June 14, 2022, the Pierce County Council approved Resolution No.
29 R2022-78, requesting the Pierce County Engineer evaluate the feasibility and safety of
30 the authorization of street-legal WATV usage on specified roadway segments of Orting-
31 Kapowsin Highway East and a series of roadways commonly known as the Farm Loop,
32 in the Orting area; and
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34 **Whereas**, in fulfilling all requirements of Resolution No. R2022-78, the Pierce
35 County Engineer has determined it is both feasible and safe for the usage of street-legal
36 WATV on the specified roadway segments listed in Exhibit A to Resolution No.
37 R2022-78; and
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39 **Whereas**, the Pierce County Council has determined that furthering connectivity
40 between available street-legal WATV routes, where feasible and safe, could serve as a
41 significant economic draw for some rural communities in unincorporated Pierce County,
42 and expanding outdoor recreational opportunities will enhance the health, well-being,
43 and quality of life for residents of and visitors to Pierce County; **Now Therefore**,
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1 **BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of Pierce County:**

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3 Section 1. Chapter 10.26 of the Pierce County Code, "Wheeled All-Terrain
4 Vehicles," is hereby amended as shown in Exhibit A, which is attached hereto and
5 incorporated herein by reference.

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7 Section 2. The Planning and Public Works Department is requested to
8 implement road signage and update the Pierce County website to properly reflect
9 changes to Chapter 10.26 of the Pierce County Code.

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11 Section 3. The effective date of this Ordinance shall be January 1, 2023.

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13 PASSED this 22nd day of November, 2022.

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17 ATTEST:

18 **PIERCE COUNTY COUNCIL**
19 Pierce County, Washington

20 *Denise D. Johnson*

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22 **Denise D. Johnson**
23 Clerk to the Council

24 *Derek Young*

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26 **Derek Young**
27 Council Chair

28 *Bruce F. Dammeier*

29 **Bruce F. Dammeier**
30 Pierce County Executive

31 Approved Vetoed _____, this
32 22nd day of November,
33 2022.

34 Date of Publication of
35 Notice of Public Hearing: November 2, 2022

36 Effective Date of Ordinance: January 1, 2022



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3 *Only those portions of Chapter 10.26 that are proposed to be amended are shown.*
4 *Remainder of text, tables, maps and/or figures is unchanged.*
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7 **Chapter 10.26**

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9 **WHEELED ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES**

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12 **10.26.040 Designated Roadways Authorized for Wheeled All-Terrain Vehicle Use.**

13 A person may operate a wheeled all-terrain vehicle on the following County roadways within
14 Pierce County, subject to the restrictions and regulations of this Chapter:
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16 C. County roadways, in the unincorporated portion of Pierce County, specifically
17 designated for the allowable usage of wheeled all-terrain vehicles meeting the
18 requirements listed in PCC 10.26.030.

- 19 1. Alder Cutoff Rd E between Scott Turner Road E and the Eatonville Town Limits;:-
- 20 2. Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E between 150th Ave E and the City of Orting boundary on
- 21 the east side of the Calistoga Bridge;
- 22 3. 188th St E between Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E and 150th Ave E;
- 23 4. 150th Ave E between 188th Ave E and 176th St E;
- 24 5. 176th St E between 159th Ave E and 159th Ave E;
- 25 6. 159th Ave E between 176th St E and Leach Road E; and
- 26 7. Leach Road E between 159th Ave E and Orting-Kapowsin Hwy E.
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